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SUBJECT: FUEL SHORTAGES IN NORTH

1. NEW NIGERIAN REPORTS (AND RUMOR MILL CONFIRMS) THAT AVIATION GASOLINE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN KANO, JOS AND KADUNA. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER, INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS THAT NORMALLY FLY LAGOS-KANO-LONDON ROUTE AND VICE-VERSA ARE NOW OVERFLYING KANO BECAUSE OF LOW/NO FUEL SITUATION THERE. CONSULATE OFFICERS HAVE HEARD OF AT LEAST ONE KANO OVERFLIGHT IN EACH DIRECTION DURING PAST WEEK.

2. FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS AUTOMOTIVE FUEL HAS BEEN SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH QUEUES OF CARS ONE TO TWO BLOCKS LONG (SOMETIMES IN TWO LANES) AT EVERY FILLING STATION IN KADUNA. UNDERSTAND SITUATION NOT DISSIMILAR IN OTHER NORTHERN STATE CAPITALS. PROBLEM HAS TWO FACETS. THERE REAL SHORTAGE OF FUEL BUT LACK OF ELECTRICITY TO POWER GASOLINE PUMPS MEANS ATTENDANTS (WHEN THEY WILLING TO DO SO) MUST USE MANUAL PUMPS WHICH MUCH SLOWER PROCESS.
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3. WIFE OF NATIONAL OIL AND CHEMICAL MARKETING COMPANY AREA MANAGER TOLD ME LAST NIGHT AT PARTY THAT HER HUSBAND NOT IN ATTENDANCE DUE TO MEETINGS WITH LAGOS-BASED OFFICIALS OF COMPANY DESIGNED TO GET FUEL TANKERS MOVING NORTH. ACCORDING TO HER, FUEL DEPOT HERE "EMPTY," SITUATION WHICH HAS NOT ARISEN "IN YEARS."

4. NEPA LOAD-SHEDDING CONTINUES TO DEPRIVE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF KADUNA OF ELECTRICITY FOR SIX OR MORE HOURS PER DAY. ACCORDING TO EXECUTIVES, TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTION OFF BETWEEN 20 AND THIRTY PERCENT WHILE LAYOFFS OF MILL WORKERS NOT IN CARDS IMMEDIATELY IF NEPA

PROBLEMS PERSIST MANAGEMENT WILL INEVITABLY BEGIN TO THINK OF WAYS TO CUT FIXED COSTS.

5. COMMENT: IN TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS I HAVE BEEN HERE, PROVISION OF BASIC SERVICES HAS NEVER BEEN THIS POOR. ONLY THING LACKING IS SHORTAGE OF WATER.
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